REMARKS

In the action dated May 12, 2004, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Specifically, claims 1 and 7 recite a "variable security profile specifying a variable number of unsuccessful power-on attempts permitted based upon at least one other factor chosen from time of day, day of week and security level of authorization of the user." Based upon a careful consideration of the Examiner's comments, Applicant has amended the punctuation of claims 1 and 7 to recite that the variable security profile specifies a variable number of unsuccessful power-on password attempts permitted based upon at least one factor chosen from time of day and day of week and that the variable security profile also specifies a security level of authorization of the user. Support for this is found in the present specification at page 16, lines 5-13 wherein field 74 of security profile 70 is specified as indicating the number of unsuccessful attempts at entering a password which are permitted before system is shut down, and notes "This field could be set by an operation system API (for example, to take into account a greater security exposure during certain time periods, like late evening or on certain days, like weekends)."

Thereafter, page 16, line 14 *et seq.*, field 76 of security profile 70 is described as specifying the level of access for a particular user. Thus, it is beyond cavil that security profile 70 includes field 74 and field 76 which specify the number of unsuccessful attempts at entering a user password which are permitted before system shutdown, based upon the time of day and day of week and that further the variable security profile 70 also specifies the security level authorization of the user. Based upon these simple punctuation changes, Applicant urges that the current specification clearly enables the invention now set forth within these claims and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is respectfully requested.

Next, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Frisch* "Essential System Administration 2nd Edition" (hereinafter referred to as *Frisch*). That rejection is respectfully traversed.
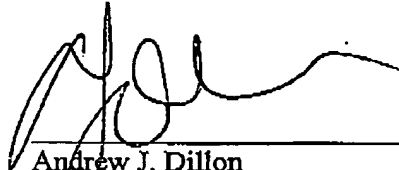
Frisch indeed discloses a well-known technique for limiting access to computers by providing a log-in profile which permits the system to allow or deny use of the computer based upon several user log-in characteristics such as the number of unsuccessful log-in attempts and the number of weeks a password to a particular account remains unchanged. However, Applicant has carefully examined *Frisch* and fails to find event the slightest suggestion within *Frisch* of a variable security profile which is generated automatically when the system is turned on and which specifies a variable number of permitted unsuccessful power-on password attempts based upon either time of day or day of week, as expressly set forth within the claims of the present application. Consequently, Applicant urges that *Frisch* cannot be said to anticipate, show or suggest such an invention and the Examiner's rejection is not believed to be well-founded.

Further, Applicant urges the Examiner to consider that the mere monitoring of the number of unsuccessful log-in attempts does not, in any way, show, suggest or anticipate the establishment of a variable number of permitted unsuccessful power-on password attempts based upon factors such as the time of day or day of week as set forth within the claims of the present application and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-9 is respectfully requested for that reason.

The Examiner has also rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. S 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Frisch* in view of *Schmidt* U.S. Patent No. 5,912,621. The Examiner cites *Schmidt* for its teaching of a computer system which is responsive to removal of its physical encasing; however, nothing within *Schmidt* shows or suggest the specification of a variable number of unsuccessful power-on password attempts which are permitted based upon the time of day or day of week as set forth within claim 7, from which claim 10 indirectly depends. Consequently, Applicant urges that this rejection is also not well-founded and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

No extension of time is believed to be required. However, in the event that an extension of time is required, please charge that extension fee and any other required fees to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 50-0563.**

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